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SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION OF LONDON SUPPLIERS' WORKING
GROUP PAPER - FOR ACTION THURSDAY MORNING
NOVEMBER 27

REFS: (A) STATE 278143; (B) PARIS 30817

1. SINCE REFTEL (B) INDICATES FRENCH GOVERNMENT PLANS TO
CONSIDER MATTER ON NOVEMBER 27, SCICOUN REQUESTED TO COM-
MUNICATE FOLLOWING CLARIFICATION TO DE NAZELLE, ON THAT DATE
IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST IN REFTEL (B).

2. "IT WAS THE INTENTION OF PARAGRAPH 5 OF THE DRAFT ANNEX
ON COMMON CRITERIA FOR TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS TO ESTABLISH
PRECISE RULES FOR THOSE CATEGORIES OF FACILITIES ENUMERATED

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BUT WE KNOW OF AT LEAST ONE POTENTIAL ENRICHMENT PROCESS

(LASER ISOTOPE SEPARATION) THAT IS NOT ENUMERATED. OUR REASONS FOR NOT ENUMERATING IT WERE THAT IT IS IN THE EARLY EXPERIMENTAL STAGE, AND THAT WE DID NOT PARTICULARLY WISH TO HIGHLIGHT IT, SINCE IT MAY PRESENT SPECIAL CONTROL PROBLEMS OF ITS OWN. MOREOVER, IF ITS ENUMERATION IN PARAGRAPH 5 REQUIRED US TO DEFINE "MAJOR CRITICAL COMPONENTS," THIS WOULD PRESENT INSUPERABLE DIFFICULTIES, SINCE IT WOULD CALL FOR SPECIFYING THE UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LASERS AND

OTHER EQUIPMENT REQUIRED, AND IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO DO SO AUTHORITATIVELY IN THE PRESENT STATE OF DEVELOPMENT OF THIS TECHNIQUE.

"BY SAYING IN THE INTRODUCTION TO PARAGRAPH 5 THAT ENUMERATED ITEMS ARE ILLUSTRATIONS, IT WAS OUR INTENTION THAT THE CONCEPT IN PARAGRAPH 5 WOULD ALSO APPLY TO ANY SUCH NEW CATEGORIES OF ENRICHMENT, REPROCESSING OR HEAVY WATER PRODUCTION PROCESSES EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE NOT SPECIFICALLY ENUMERATED."

"WE ARE OF COURSE OPEN TO ALTERNATIVE FORMULATIONS THAT MEET BOTH DESIRE FOR PRECISION AND THE CONCERNS DESCRIBED ABOVE."

3. WITH RESPECT TO FOURTH PARAGRAPH REFTEL (B) SCICOUN MAY DRAW ON IAEA VIENNA'S 9884 (REPEATED TO PARIS) AND THE DEPARTMENT'S REPLY THERETO (COPY BEING SENT TO PARIS) IN ENCOURAGING DE NAZELLE TO TAKE LINE SIMILAR TO U.S. KISSINGER

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